Senate Constitutional Amendment   No. 4

Introduced by Senator Denham

December 6, 2004

Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 4— A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to the Constitution of the State, by amending Section 6 of Article II thereof, relating to the Office of the Secretary of State.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCA 4, as introduced, Denham. Secretary of State.

The California Constitution designates the Secretary of State as one of the constitutional officers of the State of California. Under existing law, the Secretary of State performs extensive duties regarding, for example, the conduct and results of elections, keeping a correct record of the official acts of the legislative and executive branches of government, receiving and recording the official bonds of various officers, and receiving and filing various documents. The California Constitution requires that the Secretary of State be elected at the same time and for the same term as the other constitutional officers of the state, and limits to 2 the number of terms a person may serve as Secretary of State.

The existing California Constitution also specifies that all judicial, school, city, and county offices shall be nonpartisan.

This measure would, in addition, specify that the Office of Secretary of State shall be nonpartisan.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

1 *Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That the
2 Legislature of the State of California at its 2005–06 Regular
3 Session commencing on the sixth day of December 2004,

1   two-thirds of the membership of each house concurring, hereby
2   proposes to the people of the State of California, that the
3   Constitution of the State be amended by amending Section 6 of
4   Article II thereof, to read:
5   SEC. 6. (a) All judicial, school, county, and city offices shall
6   be nonpartisan.
7   (b) *The office of Secretary of State shall be nonpartisan.*
8   *(c)* No political party or party central committee may endorse,
9   support, or oppose a candidate for nonpartisan office.

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